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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4 at line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows an alignment between the amino acid sequence of SYNCRIP and (SEQ ID NO: 4) and the amino acid sequences of hnRNP R (~~SEQ ID NOS: 10 & 11~~) (SEQ ID NO: 10) and mouse hnRNP R (Clone 18; SEQ ID NO: 11).